

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN WAYNE BONILLA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JONATHAN W. SKILLMAN,  
Defendant.

No. 2:18-cv-1361 KJN P

## ORDER

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has not filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 or paid the filing fee for this action.

The federal venue statute provides that a civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this action, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(b).

In this case, plaintiff names a Tehama County Superior Court judge as a defendant. (ECF No. 1 at 2.) However, it appears that plaintiff is again attempting to challenge his conviction. (Id.

1 at 3, 4.) Plaintiff was convicted in Alameda County, which is in the Northern District of  
2 California. People v. Bonilla, 41 Cal. 4th 313 (Cal. June 18, 2007).

3 Therefore, plaintiff's claim should have been filed in the United States District Court for  
4 the Northern District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a  
5 complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v.  
6 McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

7 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United  
8 States District Court for the Northern District of California.

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10 Dated: June 5, 2018

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12 KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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